

**MINUTES**  
**STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Pine Lake State Park**  
**Eldora, Iowa**  
**October 3, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carl Kurtz  
Cindy Peterson, Chair  
Liz Christiansen  
Armando Rosales  
Deb Lewis  
Gail Brown  
Steven Dinsmore

**STAFF PRESENT**

John Pearson  
Daryl Howell

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Cindy Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM on October 3, 2008 at the Pine Lake State Park lodge.

Cindy Peterson introduced the new board member Steven Dinsmore from Ames, Iowa.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Add – Item 4a – Update from Hardin County Conservation Board

***Motion was made by Liz Christiansen to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Carl Kurtz. Motion carried.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Motion was made by Armando Rosales to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2008 meeting as presented. Seconded by Carl Kurtz. Motion carried.***

## **PRESERVE UPDATES**

John Pearson gave an update on the progress of Vincent Bluff. Currently, we are waiting for signatures from the city on the dedication statement.

## **PERKINS PRAIRIE**

The management plan was distributed to each board member for their review and approval. The plan was prepared by Karen and Carroll Perkins with assistance from the Department.

Carroll Perkins said that rotational burning will be the main management tool that is used. Our family plans to do the management work. The Greene County Conservation Board is too busy at this point and has very limited resources.

Carroll Perkins also indicated that they would be very open to species and plant studies on the site.

[The complete management plan can be viewed in the Department's Office of State Preserves – 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Wallace State Office bldg. – Des Moines]

***Motion was made by Armando Rosales to approve the management plan as presented. Seconded by Deb Lewis. Motion carried.***

***Motion was made by Carl Kurtz to recommend Perkins Prairie to the Governor as a possible state preserve. Seconded by Liz Christiansen. Motion carried.***

## **PROPOSED BIKE TRAIL AT STARR'S CAVE**

The Des Moines County Conservation Board (DMCCB) has requested that the April decision by the Preserves Advisory Board be reversed and that the bike trail through the preserve be allowed.

This trail was included in a Vision Iowa grant as part of the Great River Gateway project. The DMCCB has held open forums and public discussions regarding the trail which has led them to continue in the direction of allowing the trail within the preserve boundaries.

John Pearson explained that the state preserve act has no provision for appeals although there is a procedure for appealing the decision to deny the trail through another avenue.

- 1) Following through on the advice of the State Preserves Advisory Board, the Sovereign Lands Construction permit will be denied by the DNR. An official letter to this effect will be sent soon.

- 2) Upon receipt of the letter of denial, the trail proponents may appeal the DNR decision to the director of the DNR, as described in Iowa Administrative Code rule 571-13.8.

This appeals process would provide the DMCCB with an opportunity for review of the DNR's determination not to allow extension of the Flint River Trail through Starr's Cave Preserve. If the Director upholds the Preserve Boards decision then the appeal would go to the Natural Resource Commission for action.

Cindy Peterson said that she will draft a letter on the proceedings and thoughts of the State Preserves Board's decision. The draft will be sent to each board member for comments.

## ***INFORMATION***

### **GLENWOOD STATE PRESERVE**

John Pearson said that Kevin Concannon, Director of the Iowa Department of Human Services wrote letter expressing his support of preserve status for Glenwood but the Department of Corrections farms the ground. Taking the acres out of farmland would result in financial impact regarding loss of farming income.

The Preserve dedication is on hold until consultation with the Governor's office and the Department of Corrections is resolved in the issue of control of farming operations at Glenwood.

### **MEETINGS FOR 2009**

January 9	Wallace State Office Bldg, Des Moines
April 9 – 10	Honey Creek Resort State Park
June 25 – 26	Floyd County in conjunction with the Preserves Managers Seminar
September 10 – 11	NW Iowa

### **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion was made by Steven Dinsmore to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Liz Christiansen. Motion carried.***

With no further business to come before the State Preserves Advisory Board, Chairperson Cindy Peterson adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM on October 3, 2008.

## **A**

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Approval of Minutes, 1

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